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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop Zeessen

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

motor vehicle repair shop in

Zeessen,

1. Vehicles arrived at the installation for overhauling in December included:

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Trucks of various types 130

Tank trucks 30 (arrived by rail on 27 December)

Jeeps 25 (arrived by rail on 31 December)

ZIS tank trucks 8

Studebaker tank trucks 5

ZIS 7

Studebaker 13

Ford 4

Chevrolet 4

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Vehicles which arrived from the "Progress" repair shop and were to be delivered to troop units included 18 ambulances (jeep), 12 ambulances (GAZ), 2 Studebaker repair shop trucks and 5 small buses.

2. In December, about 170 engines of various types, including engines turned in for exchange, were consigned to the "Progress" repair shop for general overhauling. Material delivered to troop units included about 30 Studebaker trucks, 10 ZIS trucks, 10 Chevrolet trucks, 5 ZIS tank trucks, 10 other tank trucks, 4 ambulances (jeep), 2 ambulances (GAZ), 14 ZIS engines, 10 Studebaker engines and 4 Willys engines

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4. Vehicles overhauled in December included:

Ford	50
ZIS	40
Studebaker	10
Tank trucks	45
Jeeps	30
Ambulances	15 (jeep)
Ambulances	11 (GAS)

5. On 31 December, vehicles in need of repair included about 100 trucks of various type. 50 tank trucks, 20 jeeps, 10 ambulances (jeep) and 10 ambulances (GAZ). This rather large number indicates that the critical shortage of spare parts is impeding a speeding up of repair. ²
6. By order of the chief of the installation, the repair of Chevrolet trucks was to be stopped by 1 January 1955. They will be replaced by ZIS-150 and ZIS-151 trucks which need only one third of time for repair compared to a Chevrolet. ³

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2. Comment The volume of repair work in December 1954 did not exceed the monthly average.

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3. Comment It appears possible that all US-made trucks will be returned to the USSR in the course of the truck exchange movement. ZIS-150 and ZIS-151 trucks can be repaired more speedily because spare parts for them are available, while spare parts for a US-made truck must be specially manufactured.

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